# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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COMBAT OF AIDS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether USA has offered its support to combat AIDS in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the kind of support likely to be received from USA in this regard;

(d) whether any joint project likely to be launched to combat the AIDS in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. USA is supporting to combat AIDS through its Agency for International Development (USAID) for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS epidemic in the states of Tamil Nadu (APAC Project), and Maharashtra (AVERT Project) respectively. The financial outlay for the above projects is as follows:

| Project | Period | Outlay |
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| APAC | 7 year (started in 1995) | $ 10.0 million |
| AVERT | 7 year (starting 1999) | $ 41.9 million |

The broad project objectives are as follows:

- Interventions in sex industry;
- Improving Comprehensive health services;
- Reduced High Risk Behaviour in Priority Population;
- Developing capacity of CBG/NGOs to respond effectively to STD/HIV/AIDS;
- To develop Communication Support Programs;
- Increased numbers of people aware of HIV/STD preventive measures.